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City Partners with Kankakee School District 111 to Enhance Public Safety

The City of Kankakee has partnered with Kankakee School District #111 as the fiscal agent of the COPS grant.

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

"I am very pleased the City and Kankakee School District are working in a collaborative manner to address public safety; particularly in neighborhoods with schools. The funds from the grant will allow the school district to install lighting, cameras, and other safety equipment which will aid in the efforts of the Kankakee United initiative," stated Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

The council approved the intergovernmental agreement and resolution authorizing the grant during tonight's meeting. In attendance during the council meeting were representatives from the administrative team of the Kankakee School District. Additionally, City of Kankakee School Resource Officers (SROs) were present.

Once the agreement is signed by all parties, Mayor Wells-Armstrong will execute the grant. The grant deadline has been extended until April 7, 2019.

Alderman Carl Brown who chairs the City's public safety committee, stated, "the efforts between the City of Kankakee and the Kankakee School District demonstrate how governmental entities can work together for the betterment of our young people."

"As we continue to implement the *Kankakee Forward* agenda and address public safety, I look forward to strengthening partnerships with our community stakeholders as doing so makes our efforts more impactful than working individually," stated Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

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